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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

Just when will FIFA finally bother to recognise Australia's need for soccer development?

When is Australia likely to rate at least some passing interest at FIFA headquarters?

Almost since our return to the FIFA fold we have been assured that "aid is on the way".

Last year Australia's delegates to the London FIFA Congress once again approached FIFA for technical assistance.

FIFA reportedly received these requests "sympathetically".

But Australia has received nothing!

Apparently FIFA believes that Australia, a rich and prosperous country, can stand on its own feet and doesn't need or deserve help.

It's about time someone told FIFA's ruling circles — above all Sir Stanley Rous — a few home truths.

They should know that Australia's wealth has nothing to do with the poverty of its soccer.

WILL FIFA EVER REMEMBER US?

In rugby and Aussie Rules-mad Australia soccer DOES need outside help to develop and mature.

Why doesn't FIFA believe this?

Last week FIFA proudly announced yet another large-scale technical aid to Asian countries.

One of Europe's leading coaches, the West German

Dettmar Cramer, will organise and hold coaching lectures there between March and January 1968.

He will spend about a month in each of these countries: Pakistan, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, South Vietnam, Philippines, Hong Kong, South Korea and Japan.

His air-fares to and from Asia will be paid by the generous FIFA.

The cost of his travel between Asian countries will have to be met by those using his services and Cramer will also receive full

accommodation plus \$10 (USA) daily from the Association where he happens to be.

Well, this seems to be a colossal bargain for a top coach like that — and surely Australia and New Zealand would be happy to accept such terms, too.

But we aren't getting any, because FIFA couldn't give a hang about Australian soccer.

All these Asian countries are soccer-minded already and while their game certainly could do with improvement, they don't have

to overcome the problems and difficulties of uneven competition with rival codes.

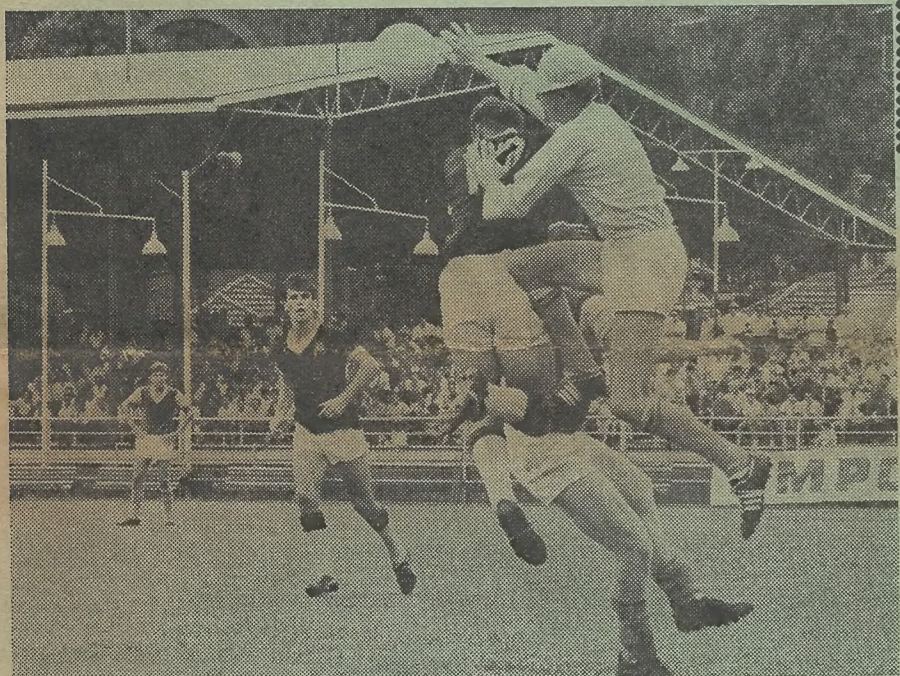
And yet, they once again get massive FIFA 'help' — while we can keep rotting in our backwater.

This article — call it outburst if you like — was not motivated by envy or jealousy.

Good luck to the Asian countries and let them get what they can from FIFA.

But the Australian soccer public is getting mighty sick and tired of waiting for FIFA's promised assistance.

— Paul Dean



Canterbury's new goalie, Mel Clarke, uses both hands to advantage in last weekend's Ampol Cup match against APIA at Wentworth Park. He seems to be leaning on the jumping Giacometti with one hand as he palms out a Watkiss cross with the other. APIA easily accounted for the newly-promoted Berries, collecting 17 points in the process.

SCOTS PUT THEIR WEE FOOT IN ASF'S MOUTH

An Australian Associated Press report from Glasgow last week quoted Scottish FA secretary Willie Allan as saying that Scotland later this year would not be sending their national team to Australia.

Allan told AAP that under no circumstances could the Scottish team be tagged as their full national side.

The Scottish team, Allan said, would be made up of a sprinkling of international stars and younger, less known players, representing many Scottish clubs.

The AAP story raised a few eyebrows throughout Australia as it was thought that Scotland would send its full national team.

Australian Federation secretary Ian McAndrew, however, was not surprised.

"When I negotiated the Scottish tour during last year's World Cup finals, the ASF was told that the Scots intended to send about 10 full internationals on tour," he said.

"The balance of the

squad was to be made up by members of their under-23 national team, including players like McCalliog who scored two goals for Scotland in the recent under-23 international against Wales."

McAndrew, however, was shocked that the Scottish FA denied their touring team would be a national team.

"Only a few days ago I spoke to Allan on the telephone and we agreed to submit the three matches to FIFA as 'B' internationals."

"On FIFA's records the matches will be recorded as fixtures between Scotland 'B' and the Australian 'A' team," McAndrew revealed.

"For publicity reasons the matches in Australia

will be billed as "Australia v. Scotland," he said, "even though FIFA's records will list Scotland as a 'B' team."

The ASF, McAndrew said, was confident the tour would be a huge success.

"Whatever name Scotland chose to call their team, it will be a near full international side and the ASF certainly intends to treat the three matches as full internationals."

McAndrew pointed out that many international matches throughout the world are between "A" and "B" teams when a strong soccer nation meets a weaker one.

"The Scotland team will be almost as strong as their full 'A' team and local fans will have no cause for complaint," he added.

— Lou Gautier



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SAINTS MAY HAVE NEW STAR IN DAVID CLISS

Rain played havoc with last weekend's Ampol Cup opener, forcing the postponement of Friday's double-header.

The two matches played on Sunday in sweltering heat produced no surprises. APIA trounced Canterbury as effortlessly as expected and St. George-Budapest came out on top of an even match with South Coast United.

APIA v. Canterbury 5-1 (2-0)

If Canterbury have been under any illusions about the task facing them in their return to First Division football, these were quickly dispelled in Sunday's Ampol Cup clash with APIA.

Cup holders APIA had little more than a training run in defeating the youthful "Berries," 5-1.

Canterbury, quite obviously, have been forced into using their promising juniors sooner than they wished by the departure to Greece of Saravakos, Kontogiorgos and Argoudelis.

Just as obviously, many of the youngsters are not yet ready for the hurly-burly of the First Division.

APIA were soon into their stride and quickly established their superiority — nor did they look at any time likely to relinquish their grip on the match.

With Bortolico and Nuttall dominating midfield, it was only a matter of time before APIA scored.

It took, in fact, 20 minutes. Giacometti, who earlier had hit the crossbar with a diving header, ran onto a pass from Blue and his shot slid beneath the advancing Clarke.

From then on it was all one-way traffic, with APIA so much in command that it was remarkable only one more goal was scored in the first half.

Watkins, the subject of some ribbing by Canterbury fans early, was the scorer. He later permanently silenced his critics with two more well-taken goals.

APIA's defence was untroubled for most of the match but a late slip-up by Rorke and Sambrook allowed Dos Santos to notch Canterbury's consolation.

It is difficult to single out any one Canterbury player as deserving of special mention, hard as they tried to the end.

But Jamieson, at inside left, and Hardie, in the defence probably did best in a beaten side.

Details:
APIA: Rorke, Van Blerk, Ackerley, Nuttall, Sambrook, Bottalico, Giacometti, Campana, Watkins, Blue, Kerklaan. Coach: A. Iglesias.

Canterbury: M. Clarke, Dricos, Raeburn, Romanos, Galbraith, Hardie, G. Clarke, Rinos, Romanos, Jamieson, Grapsis (J. Yaager). Coach: G. Polgar.

Scorers: Giacometti 20 min., Watkins 33, 45 and 55 min., Campana 65 min. for APIA; Dos Santos 66 min. for Canterbury.

Referee: L. Wilson.

— Alan Speers

St. George v. SCU 2-0 (0-0)

Fans had little to enthuse about a match which produced typical early season football.

Both teams fielded tentative line-ups, especially South Coast, and were pitifully short of condition.

There was little between the teams and the match could easily have ended in a draw.

South Coast, actually, had slightly more scoring

chances than St. George but the inefficiency of their inside trio of Barnett-Banks-Davies, more than the ability of Saints' defence, enabled St. George-Budapest to keep a clean slate.

The St. George defence was shaky all through the match, with the exception of Stegbauer and Isaac, who played as a deep-lying inside-forward.

The match seemed certain to end in a just, scoreless draw when St. George mounted one of their rare, well executed breakaways in the 57th minute.

Newcomer David Cliss, who made an impressive debut, sent a perfect pass to Telfer on the left wing and the former South Coast winger easily beat McGuire with a low shot.

South Coast didn't give up and twice were nearly in for the equaliser before John Warren sealed their fate with only a minute to go.

Warren lunged desperately, after evading two tackles, in characteristic style and sent the ball rolling in gently.

Players from both teams fell into many elementary errors, resulting in a poor,

tedious match.

South Coast, with an almost entirely new defence, which included three teenagers, were badly let down by their forwards.

Their brightest star was Max Tolson who has returned from England a more accomplished player, who "reads" the game better than before his departure.

Saints' attack relied on two players — Warren and Cliss.

David Cliss, the former Chelsea sensation, caught the eye in his first match with excellent distribution and tenacious tackling.

He may turn out to be the playmaker Saints so badly need.

Details:
St. George-Budapest: Haffey; Stegbauer, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, De Bruin; Hillhouse (Caldwell), Isaac, Warren, Cliss, Telfer. Coach: L. Hegyes.

South Coast: McGuire; Kerr, Hutchinson; Salisbury, Barnes, Tolson; Paterson, Barnett, Banks, Davies, Freeme. Coach: G. Barnett.

Scorers: Telfer 57 min., Warren 69 min.

Referee: A. Sorbie.

Crowd: 4,500 (double header).

— Lou Gautier

Leo keen to join juniors

One of the personalities most responsible for the rapid rise of Sydney soccer, Leo Baumgartner, faces an uncertain future in 1967.

Dismissed as coach of Croatia mid-way through last season after a brief association, Baumgartner now faces prospect of a legal battle over his contract with that club.

On top of these worries Hakoah have placed \$1,000 transfer fee on his services as a player.

Baumgartner, however, is adamant that after 18 months of retirement as a player he is entitled to a free clearance.

His fate in 1967 may well depend on his obtaining this clearance, since most of the offers he has so far received have been made on the understanding that he was free to go from Hakoah.

If things go well for Baumgartner he may be in a position to do something for the juniors.

He is seriously considering an offer as player-coach with a district-based Second Division side.

Despite his two-year lay-off Baumgartner says he is eager to play again.

"I have been training a bit with Melita Eagles and also on the beach myself. I feel quite fit," he said this week.

Certainly Baumgartner may not be the "Sabrina"

of old but he is definitely a man who knows a great deal about soccer.

The success of Johnny Watkins, the Warren brothers, Brian Smith and, in more recent years, the Cush brothers testifies to the benefit of Baumgartner's guidance.

In the light of the new rule which requires every club to field three Australian players in their first grade side, in each match, one wonders whether Sydney First Division can afford the loss of people like Baumgartner and Joe Marston.

— Michael Bittman

Bayutti Cup to schoolboy

First recipient of the Bayutti Cup, awarded to the best under 16 forward in NSW, was David Embury.

The trophy was presented by ex-international Joe Marston.

Embury starred in the State under-16 team.

He came from Wahroonga club to the Gladesville-Hornsby representative team, and also plays for Normanhurst High School.

The NSW Amateur Association expects to set up the Metropolitan Junior Association this week.

Later in February a new combined zone will be formed at Goulburn.

The NSW Amateurs annual meeting will be at Hellenic House on Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m.

Zoning was always vital to ensure progress throughout the State, and the amateurs are now on the threshold of bigger things.

This year the policy of metropolitan junior clubs playing country association juniors is likely to be extended.

These games take place on Queens Birthday weekend.

The metropolitan championship will continue, as will the successful inter-district club Champion of Champions K.O. series.

Some review may be considered for the night series, which may be contracted down to shorter period by including daylight lightning games in the event, as well as the floodlit fixtures.

Schoolboys seeking junior clubs, and persons wishing to learn about forming new clubs, can contact Amateurs secretary B. J. Emery (98-9694), who will give them every assistance.

As well as suburb clubs, the Amateurs are particularly keen on entries from Police Boys, YMCA and other community clubs, schools, churches and convent school teams.

— Keith Gilmour

We simply haven't anything to stop this Sparta

Sparta have proved themselves one of the classiest and cleverest teams to visit Australia in many a moon.

Last Monday they wound up their tour by first demolishing and then annihilating Pan Hellenic to the tune of 7-0.

And all this 24 hours after they had played in Melbourne — and winning 5-1 against the State side.

Sparta possess most of the ingredients that made soccer a popular sport and which still pull the crowds in.

They have immaculate ball control, speed, strength and a vast understanding between the players.

Not once did they aimlessly "get rid" of the ball or just kick it forward hopelessly; every pass was taken with care and intelligence.

Sparta know one of the basic rules of modern soccer: possession of the ball is vital.

They advance in packs with two or three players always close to the one just running with the ball.

Nobody is left to his own devices, nobody is "abandoned" as it so often happens with our own teams.

Having all these virtues and none of our weaknesses, they can honestly be rated many classes above anything Sydney can produce, either in January or in July.

I stress this point because some people have felt that Sparta's embarrassing superiority was largely due to the early season form of their opponents.

No doubt Prague and Pan Hellenic could have

played somewhat better a few months later — but let's not forget that Sparta are also in their lay-off period, between seasons.

And if you add to this the fact that during their Australian tour Sparta have been lavishly entertained, almost never going to bed before midnight and without a party under their belt, you will admit that their football was probably also short of their best.

Against Pan Hellenic the Czechs took some time to settle down.

Once again their forwards overdid the close interpassing and failed to shoot often enough.

About halfway through the first half Pan Hellenic had three splendid opportunities to open the scoring but fluffed them all, within two minutes of one another.

As it turned out, that was their chance: from then on Sparta took over and gradually transformed the match into a one-sided cat-and-mouse show.

In the second half, as the minutes were ticking away, Pan Hellenic wilted, collapsed and finally died a rather unheroic death.

Their condition simply wouldn't stand up to the continuous Sparta attacks and the last 20 minutes represented a constant barrage in front of Hellenic's goal.

Had they needed it, Sparta could have easily reached double figures.

But even so, they made their point tellingly

enough.

For Sparta, goalkeeper Kouba, stopper Migas, full-back Tichy, midfield link Mozis and forwards Kvasnak and Vesely starred.

However, the man of the match was their 17-year-old fresh-faced youngster, Jurkanin.

He streaked through the field with animal grace, launched many attacks and held together his line like a veteran.

For Pan Hellenic the match must have been a bitter disappointment and, let's hope, a good lesson.

They must realise that their characteristic style of "hard running, long kicking" will get them nowhere against opponents whose ball control, understanding and speed of thinking is superior.

Only Sanchez, Cole and occasionally Westwater showed up, whereas most of the others were plainly and painfully outclassed.

Details:
Pan Hellenic: Maglis, Johnston, Omeros; Sanchez, Dounias, Cole; McCulloch (Demos), Smith, Westwater, Karyannis, Logan.

Sparta: Kouba; Hudcovsky, Tichy; Vojta, Migas (Krtil); Vesely, Pospichal, Jurkanin, Dyba (Laciga), Vrana (Kvasnak).

Goals: Mozis 26 min., Pospichal 45 and 55 min., Kvasnak 69 and 75 min., Jurkanin 76 min., Vesely 81 min.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 5,000.

— Paul Dean

GROUP	St. George	South Coast	Yugal	Cumberland	Canterbury
"A"					
APIA	●				5-1
St. George		●			2-0
South Coast	0-2		●		
Yugal				●	
Cumberland					●
Canterbury					
APIA					1-5

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GROUP "A"										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
APIA	1	1	—	—	5	1	17			
St. George	1	1	—	—	2	0	14			
Canbury	1	—	—	1	1	5	1			
Cumland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Yugal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
S. Coast	1	—	—	1	0	2	0			

CROATIA ALL SET FOR IMPROVED DISPLAY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Weather permitting, Sydney fans may enjoy an uninterrupted Ampol Cup program on Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

Friday, at Marks Field, the early match at 7 p.m. will be between Yugal and Cumberland and the late game will oppose APIA to South Coast United.

Sunday's attractive double-header at Wentworth Park sees Croatia play Polonia in the first game, followed by Pan Hellenic v. Prague at 3.15 p.m.

Yugal v. Cumberland

Little has been heard of both teams since their 1966 season ended prematurely in August last year.

So far neither side has bolstered their playing strength with new players although both clubs badly need an injection of new blood to improve on their mediocre 1966 performances.



JIM FERNIE

Yugal are better off, however, as they will be able to call on Ferdo Dunaj and Steve Lalic again.

Cumberland are in a predicament and will have to fill the gaps left by the departure of Richardson and Collins.

This, however, may prove a blessing in disguise as it may enable them to blood local players for the premier ship.

Cumberland, like all the other teams, will have to include three local players during the competition, but, unlike most other teams, will be struggling to fill the quota.

Yugal, with Alagich, Nacinovic, Crnich, Edwards, Fray and Bouman, have no worries on that score as these players may even be the backbone of their Ampol Cup team now that they are without Stojanovic, Lazarevic, Pacanin and Vicevic.

Yugal's new players from Yugoslavia won't be here in time for Friday's match, but they should still be too strong for the experimental Cumberland line-up who will rely heavily on talented forwards Keddie, Fernie and Goldie to offset the speed of Alagich in the Yugal attack and the steady influence of Rafaneli in defence.

Watch for: Australian national squad "hopeful" Joe Alagich spearheading the Yugal attack.

APIA v. South Coast Utd.

After APIA's devastating display last weekend, South Coast cannot feel too confident about the outcome of Friday's late match.

APIA last Sunday served notice that they intended to carry on this year where they left off last season.

It will take much more than the disjointed, unimaginative South Coast side that went down to St. Ge-

orge to extend Australia's Filok, Nowacki Dzialach top team.

South Coast, no doubt, will offer stronger resistance than the immature Berries last week, but this shouldn't worry an APIA side that seems to have got into top gear earlier than usual this season.

APIA's forwards moved splendidly last Sunday.

Three of their goals were models of perfection and all five forwards appear to be already in excellent form and have lost nothing of the dash and brilliance that made them irresistible in 1966.

APIA's defence was hardly tested against Canterbury.

They may be harder pressed against the provincials but should stand their ground well, particularly if Barnett fails to get his attack moving again.

Highlight of a match which should comfortably go APIA's way will be the personal clash between Campana and Tolson.

If anybody can throw the crafty Argentinian off stride it is the tough, rugged young South Coast star.

Watch for: Newly-wed John Watkiss after another hat-trick.

Croatia v. Polonia-NS

Good football is hopefully expected from both teams in a match which may be the best so far in the series.

Croatia have shown up well in trial matches to date and seem to have learnt from last year's mistakes.

Unlike last year, they did not spend madly during the off-season and have retained all their 1966 players.

Given a chance to settle down, their players could mould into a fine, efficient unit capable of standing the comparison with the best.

Polonia, too, will have the same team as last year when they went through the Second Division without tasting defeat.



PADDY BONHAM

All eyes will be on their strong defence, which is expected to rate with the best in Sydney this season, and also on Krawiarz, their brilliant forward, of whom big things are expected.

Croatia's forward-line has functioned splendidly in early season trial games, with Reynolds and Giles already in top form.

They will have their work cut out on Sunday against

Filok, Nowacki Dzialach and Komoder and fans may see fireworks.

On the strength of Croatia's greater forward-line mobility, we expect them to make a winning start to the season, but Polonia cannot be discarded as a distinct possibility to snatch a draw.

Watch for: Brian Lincoln, SOCCER WORLD's "Top Star" for 1966, staking an early claim for a berth in the Australian team.

Pan Hellenic v. Prague

Pan Hellenic may feel the murderous effects of having to play their third match in six days on Sunday.

Their display against Sparta clearly showed that they are far from fit and have still a long way to go to achieve understanding and teamwork although they have just about the same side as last season.

How they perform against Prague, another of Sparta's victims, will depend a great deal on their midweek result against Melita Eagles.



BRIAN SMITH

If Pan Hellenic manage to beat Melita Eagles with a good display they will go into Sunday's game with accrued confidence and their greater speed could see them chalk up more points.

Should they fail — and even a draw with the newly-promoted Eagles can be regarded as a disappointment — they may lose confidence altogether and make Prague's task much easier.

Prague have a tough program this week as their midweek clash with Hakoah will be no piece of cake.

The "Sparta line" is certainly favorable to Prague but at this stage there is little between the teams.

Both are far from fit and new coaches Venglos and Vrolyks have the task ahead if either team is to play an interesting part in the 1967 competition.

The game may well end in a draw that would satisfy both clubs.

Watch for: A fitter, dashing Luis Gauto adding sparkle to the Prague forward-line.

AMPOL CUP REFEREES

Yugal v. Cumberland — J. Henkelman; APIA v. South Coast — K. Lockrey; Polonia v. Croatia — F. Woolman; Prague v. Pan Hellenic — N. Jones.



St. George-Budapest winger Hillhouse and youthful South Coast fullback Hutchinson battle for possession during last Sunday's Ampol Cup match at Wentworth Park. Photo by Les Brady.

FIRST UP WIN TO MELITA EAGLES?

After their disastrous showing against Sparta Prague last Monday, Pan Hellenic cannot afford the slightest complacency tonight (Wednesday) against Melita Eagles at Marks Field.

The early game of last Friday's postponed double-header should be close, in doubt until the final whistle.

Although Melita Eagles are no Spartans, they are certain to give the out of condition Pan Hellenic a torrid time.

Melita Eagles' enthusiasm and will to please in their First Division debut may enable them to at least force a draw.

Probable line-ups:

Pan Hellenic: 1 Maglis; 2 Johnston, 3 Omeros; 4 Sanchez, 5 Cole, 6 McCulloch; 7 Demos, 8 Smith, 9 Westwater, 10 Karyannis, 11 Logan.

Melita Eagles: 1 Eaton; 2 Woods, 3 Falzon; 4 Jaros, 5 Cilja, 6 Hewlett; 7 Stefanovic, 8 Hunter, 9 Mulqueeney, 10 Azzopardi, 11 Montague.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Hakoah tipped

Hakoah must start firm favorites to beat Prague in the late match.

Prague, however, should oppose spirited resistance and give the 1966 Grand Final winners a good run for their money.

Goals may be at a premium in a match likely to be dominated by both sets of defences.

Probable line-ups:

Hakoah: 1 Fuzes; 2 Edwards, 3 Hillsdon; 4 Walsh, 5 Marnoch, 6 Duffy; 7 Edmunds, 8 Fekete, 9 Hood, 10 Harding, 11 Holden.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

YUGAL

DJUKIC
RASIC
NACINOVIC
CRNICH
RAFANELI
DUNAJ
RINGHOFF
ALAGICH
LALIC
TAKAC
BOBIC

CUMBERLAND

FISHER
SMITH
MUCILLO
ADDISON
KEEN
McPHAIL
KEDDIE
O'NEILL
GOLDIE
FERNIE
BRYCE

APIA

RORKE
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
NUTTALL
SAMBROOK
BOTTALICO
BLUE
CAMPANA
WATKISS
GIACOMETTI
KERKLAAN

SOUTH COAST

McGUIRE
KERR
HUTCHINSON
SALISBURY
BARNES
TOLSON
BEATTIE
MULLAN
BARNETT
FREEME
PATTERSON

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
BONHAM
SLOAN
CURRY
SNEDDEN
REYNOLDS
SWOBODA
CUSH
GILES
TYRRELL

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
FILOK
ADAMSON
NOWACKI
DZIALACH
KOMODER
CALPHY
GAIK
GAWLIK
KRAWIARZ
GONZALEZ

PAN HELLENIC

MAGLIS
JOHNSTON
OMEROS
SANCHEZ
COLE
McCULLOCH
DEMOS
SMITH
WESTWATER
KARYANNIS
LOGAN

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
BLACKER
TRACEY
ZEMAN
VENGLOS
POVEY
LAING
GAUTO
SCHEINFLUG
LISSING

WIN: 12 pts.
DRAW: 5 pts.
GOAL: 1 pt.



DOUG HOLDEN

THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Yugal v. Cumberland — 7 p.m., Marks Field.
APIA v. South Coast — 8.30 p.m., Marks Field.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Croatia v. Polonia — 1.45 p.m., Wentworth Park.
Pan Hellenic v. Prague — 3.15 p.m., Wentworth Park.

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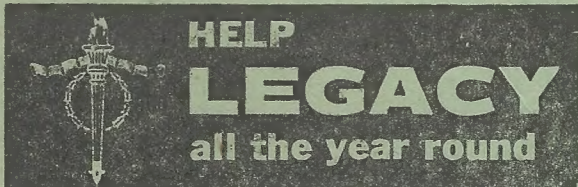
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Croatia v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field 7.00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Yugal v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park 1.45 p.m.
Cumberland v. St. George — Wentworth Park 3.15 p.m.



INDIRECT REBUFF TO AUSTRALIA'S ASIAN ASPIRATIONS

One of the most interesting and significant sidelights of the recent Asian Games in Bangkok was the unanimous decision of the Asian Games Federation to knock back New Zealand's application to take part in future Asian Games.

Meeting in Bangkok before the start of the fifth Asian Games, the Asian Federation only took five minutes to reject New Zealand's application.

In a statement to the Press, an Asian Games Federation spokesman said that New Zealand could not be regarded as an Asian nation, either racially or geographically, and that it would have to look elsewhere for international competition.

New Zealand's rejection does not only affect our trans-Tasman neighbours, but also puts paid to any hopes Australia might have had to eventually link up with Asian sport.

In rejecting New Zealand's application, the Asian sports body was indirectly aiming at Australia, which would have had to be also admitted into the Asian Games if New Zealand's application had been okayed.

Bangkok's leading English-language daily, the BANGKOK WORLD, commenting on the Asian Games Federation decision, admitted that most Asian countries did not want Australia to take part in the Asian Games.

"Not Asian"

Said the BANGKOK WORLD: "Australia is a continent in itself and by no stretch of the imagination can be labelled 'Asian'."

"The Asian Games are run by Asians, for Asians."

"If Australia and New Zealand were admitted, genuine Asian countries would have to take a back seat in athletics and swimming where even the Japanese cannot compete with the might of Australia."

"By all means, let's have more contact with Australian and New Zealand sport, but at an international level."

"The Asian Games must remain the exclusive preserve of those countries on and off the Asian continent."

The BANGKOK WORLD summed up precisely the feelings of most Asian officials and pressmen I spoke to in Bangkok.

The Japanese are the most violently opposed to Australia's entry into Asian sport as a full member as it would cut deeply into the staggering total of gold medals they invariably win at all Asian Games (80 in Bangkok compared to South Korea and Thailand's 12).

Mind you, the Japanese, like anyone else I spoke to, would welcome more contacts with Australian sport as the Asians are also isolated in world sport and desperately need all the competition they can get.

The South Koreans, Thais and South Vietnamese are the only ones prepared to accept Australia as a full member in all Asian sports organisations.

South Korea's assistant-minister for sport, Kim Tae-ung, told me in Bangkok that the day must eventually come when Australia drops the pretence of being a "Western" nation and links up with Asia in all spheres of activity.

"What better way to start than sport?" he said.

"South Korea would back any Australian application to join Asian sport."

"We can learn a lot from Australia — and you can learn a lot from Asia in the sports in which you are not so advanced," he added.

This is a point I also raised with most of the officials and journalists I met in Bangkok.

I suggested that Australia at first could take part in the Asian Games only in a few sports which we would not be sure to dominate.

We could forget about swimming and athletics for the present and only enter in, say, soccer, basketball, table-tennis, weight-lifting, wrestling and hockey — all sports in which we still have a lot to learn.

Asia could provide us with much-needed competition in those sports and at the same time the Asians would still have the satisfaction of taking out most of the honors.

Most thought it was a good idea, especially as far as soccer and basketball were concerned.

All Asian countries seek closer soccer ties with Australia.

Our World Cup matches in Cambodia, despite the drubbing, and the Australian team's subsequent Far East tour really put Australian soccer on the map in Asia.

North Korea's successes in England, indirectly, further enhanced Asia's interest in Australian soccer.

The Malaysians are crying out for Australia to take part in the Merdeka tournament, which rates second only to the Asian Games and has the big advantage of being staged annually while the Games are only held every four years.

Malaysia, however, cannot afford to pay the full airfares from Australia, but are prepared, as they were last year, to go "fifty-fifty" and pay all accommodation expenses.

Since we can't play in the Asian Games, the Merdeka tournament would be more than an adequate substitute as all Asia's top non-Communist teams take part.

Even if Australia is not officially accepted as an Asian nation in sport, this should not stop us from cultivating soccer relations with Asia to the utmost.

But it will take more than half-hearted support and a few vague statements.

We must grab the bull by the horns and take the initiative.

Not so easy

By knocking New Zealand, and thus indirectly Australia, back from Asian Games membership, the Asian countries showed in no uncertain fashion that our participation in Asian sport will not be as easy as most people, including me, had thought at first.

Judging on public reaction in Bangkok, I doubt whether Australia would be accepted into the Asian Football Confederation even if we wanted to.

At the moment, at least, the Australian Federation has no intention of joining and is going full steam ahead with the consolidation of the newly-created Oceanic Confederation.

But just like Mexico, who play most of their internation-

als against members of the South American Confederation although they belong to the rival Central and North American Confederation, there is nothing to stop Australia playing regularly and frequently against Asian teams.

The more contact we develop with Asian soccer at international and club team level, the easier it will be in the future to gain admission into the jealously guarded inner sanctum of Asian sport.

The Asians won't come to us, cap in hand, as we would like to believe.

By
Lou Gautier

Australia will have to do most of the ground work and show it is sincerely interested in integrating into Asian soccer.

Australia can't have its cake and eat it. It's as simple as that.

Let's face it: Asian soccer can do without Australia.

But can we do without them if we really want to make a name for ourselves?

● Next week: Reflections on our planned tour of Asia.

VICTORIAN PROSPECTS

Big Italian camp hungry for glory

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Among the big named and well supported State League sides in Victoria no other band of supporters have in recent years suffered more frustration and disappointment than those of Juventus.

From humble beginnings in 1948 Juventus soon made their presence felt and in the first division they won the league title five times in a row from 1952 to 1956.

In 1952 and 1954 they went through the season without losing a single game.

In the "box seat" with the inception of the State League in 1958, it was no great surprise that in that year they carried off the first championship.

The following year they won the "Night Soccer" competition and in 1960 they completed a nice treble when they carried off the Dockerty Cup.

Up to this time and indeed for some time afterwards Juventus, with their vast support and continuing success, were the toast of the vast Italian community in Melbourne and the life-blood of the defunct VASFA.

Since 1961 Juventus have fallen badly from grace.

They have made a sorry show in the cup competitions and in the league and while the pattern is somewhat irregular over the last six seasons, they would fare no better on average than fifth position as you will see by their record:

League placing	
1961:	8th
1962:	2nd
1963:	7th
1964:	4th
1965:	3rd
1966:	6th

Oddly enough, in the last two seasons at the half-way mark of the league programme Juventus looked in a strong position at the top or close to it.

But an eclipse in the second half killed their chances on both occasions.

What has happened to Juventus over the years and what is the reason for their decline which has lost

them all but a handful of their vast support?

There is little doubt that a struggle for power and much disagreement in the changing managements of the team have contributed largely to their downfall.

Coaching changes in recent years have also been a contributory factor in the decline of the team despite its undoubted talents.

More stability is needed here as well as in the management if the fortunes of the club are to change for the better.

More changes in the management at the AGM held late in 1966 saw former Olympic cycling star and Melbourne businessman Nino Borsari drop out and replaced as president by his brother-in-law, T. Cester.

Back as secretary after he resigned the position a year ago is the energetic Eric Martin who had dropped out after some reported disagreement with another management member.

Quickly establishing himself as one of the top delegates to the Federation is Dr. V. Cilauri whose rational outlook on the game and its administration is proving a steady influence within the ranks of Juventus.

Juventus are quietly optimistic about their chances for 1967.

Compelled to rebuild — and they have already started — I cannot say I'm thrilled with all their three newcomers: Mario Corti, player-coach from Juventus (Adelaide), Frank Torcque from Lions and Frank Balter, another South Australian from Budapest.

Balter, a fullback, will be a decided acquisition while Torcque has potential but not as a winger where he played in the charity game against Hellas.

Another Warren may aid Saints

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Inter-Suburban League clubs are getting into gear well before their season starts on April 1-2.

Second Division Arncliffe Scots' coach, Ross Warren, is aiming to lift the club to first division.

Ross is the eldest of the Warren brothers.

John and Geoff are better known as footballers.

Ross, however, played with Canterbury, Concord, Concordia and Budapest.

After recovering from a broken leg, he decided to concentrate on coaching the coming generation.

Scots will place a junior team in the St. George Association for the first time.

They could become the bridge between the Saints' huge junior nursery and St. George-Budapest first division club.

The composition of the Inter-Suburban League has brought general acclaim.

Twelve clubs each with two teams, will play in each of the three divisions.

The Federation had to refer a number of clubs back to junior districts to accomplish this.

The League premiership will proceed throughout the season, unhampered by K.O. fixtures.

The premiers will be determined for each division.

Then 1 v. 3 and 2 v. 4 play-offs will decide the clubs to contest the championship finals.

Promising season

First division clubs for 1967 are:— Sydney University, Concordia, South Sydney, Granville Kewpies, Artarmon, Marrickville, University of NSW, Lidcombe, Thistle, North Sydney, Wentworthville and Ryde.

In a season that promises so well, unnecessary discordant notes should be eliminated.

One junior district, which utilises the same grounds as used by two Inter-Suburban clubs, says that if their fixtures are thrown out of gear by weather, they will put the round back one Saturday.

If this is done, the Inter-Suburban draw for the senior amateur clubs of its own district would be disrupted.

A couple of wet Saturdays, and their position would be chaotic.

Here is a situation ripe for alteration by the district for the sake of good order of football generally, and to ensure more opportunities for the district's schoolboy players.

CORRECTION

Western Suburbs' trial matches on Sunday at Neild Park, Fivedock, will commence at 1.15 p.m., not 8.30 a.m.

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ENGLAND RANKS NO. 1 FOR 1966 IN EUROPE

The mass circulation French weekly, **FRANCE FOOTBALL**, recently published their ratings, based on 1966's international match results, of all European countries.

FRANCE FOOTBALL's ratings have appeared every year since 1958 and are generally regarded, just like their "Player of the Year" award, as "official" throughout Europe.

This is how the magazine classed the teams for 1966:

- 1 ENGLAND
- 2 WEST GERMANY, PORTUGAL
- 4 USSR
- 5 HUNGARY, ITALY
- 7 EAST GERMANY
- 8 RUMANIA, SWEDEN
- 10 BULGARIA, SPAIN, HOLLAND
- 13 BELGIUM, YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
- 16 AUSTRIA, EIRE, FRANCE, POLAND
- 20 SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND
- 22 SWITZERLAND
- 23 FINLAND, NORWAY
- 25 DENMARK, WALES.

It was, of course, impossible to go past England for the top spot in European soccer in 1966.

In 1966 England played 17 matches, including six "away", and remained undefeated. Their record reads 14 wins, and three draws; 38 goals scored and nine conceded.

England also topped the European ratings in 1965 when they only lost one game (against Austria).

Thus, over two years, England only lost one international out of 26 outings.

FRANCE FOOTBALL was unable to separate West Germany and Portugal.

Both teams had the same record in the World Cup, only losing one match — both against England.

Portugal, actually, did better than the Germans as they beat Brazil and Hungary in England.

Aside from the World Cup finals, the Germans won 11 games, drew one and lost two and the Portuguese won 10 and lost two.

Busy Russians

Portugal would have been second on their own had it not been for their "faux pas" late last year when they were beaten at home by Sweden.

The USSR again maintained itself in the "top four" of European soccer.

The Russians played no less than 16 internationals in 1966, beating Uruguay, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Yugoslavia away from home.

They lost four matches, against West Germany and Portugal in the World Cup, and against Italy and Turkey — this last one at home!

Hungary and Italy were classed together despite the Hungarians' better World Cup record.

The Italians were brilliant before and after their disastrous World Cup campaign as they didn't lose a match.

Hungary, besides losing to Portugal and the USSR in England, were beaten by Yugoslavia and held to a draw by Holland in the European Nations' Cup.

For the Italians 1966 will always be remembered because of their sensational 1-0 defeat by North Korea.

The Hungarians, and the world, will recall 1966 for their stupendous World Cup match against Brazil, unanimously regarded as one of the best matches of all time.

East Germany was the only unbeaten team in Europe, with

England, but were not rated higher because they only played six matches in 1966, five of which at home against relatively weak opposition.

Few people expected Rumania and Sweden to be placed so high on the list as neither qualified for the World Cup finals.

Rumania, however, is constantly progressing as wins over Uruguay, Switzerland and Poland show.

When they lost (against Portugal, Italy, West Germany, East Germany) they only went down narrowly.

Swedes recover

The Swedes seem to have recovered from their slump, despite a shock loss against Finland.

Their greatest victory was against Portugal, after the World Cup, in Lisbon and a crushing 4-1 against Austria.

FRANCE FOOTBALL grouped Bulgaria, Spain and Holland together in the middle of the list.

Bulgaria won four matches and lost four, but three of these were in the toughest of all World Cup groups (against Brazil, Hungary and Portugal).

Spain only played six internationals in 1966 for two wins, two draws and two losses.

Holland is another fast improving soccer nation, both on national team and club level.

They won three and lost three games in 1966 and held Hungary to a 3-3 draw in Rotterdam.

Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Belgium did not enhance their former reputations in 1966 and the first two countries have seldom occupied so lowly a position in the European ratings.

Belgium were beaten at home by Eire and the USSR, and only managed to beat their traditional rivals, France, twice and Switzerland.

Czechoslovakia didn't emerge from the shadows as expected after their disastrous 1965 season as they only won one of their six internationals in 1966.

As for the Yugoslavs, they are still on the skids with five losses in eight matches — and a humiliating 1-6 defeat against Bulgaria in Sofia.

France, Austria, Poland and Eire did nothing in 1966 to deserve a better rating than the mediocre one attributed to them by **FRANCE FOOTBALL**.

France had three fair performances: a 0-0 draw with Italy and a 3-3 in Moscow, followed by a 2-1 European Nations' Cup win over Poland in Paris.

Otherwise their results were depressing.

Austria's record was similar to France's — two wins, a draw and four losses and Eire won two, drew one and lost three.

Poland only won one match in 1966 (against Luxembourg), but their opponents were all top teams (Sweden, Argentina and Hungary — against whom they drew — and Brazil and England).

Scotland only played six matches and only won one — against Northern Ireland.

They were beaten by England, Holland and Portugal and held Brazil and Wales to draws.

Northern Ireland also had a limited 1966 calendar, beat Wales and Mexico but lost against West Germany, England and Scotland.

Switzerland's weaknesses were revealed in the World Cup finals where they were badly outclassed.

They didn't win a single match last year and only gained two draws (against the USSR and Mexico, both at home).

Three Scandinavians — Finland, Norway and Denmark — and Wales tail the field for 1966.

Finland would have rated slightly higher without a crushing 7-1 defeat against Israel as they held Austria to a scoreless draw and beat Sweden 1-0.

Norway only won one of their seven internationals (against hapless Denmark).

The Danes played 11 matches but only managed to beat the Israelis and to draw 0-0 with Turkey.

Wales fared ever worse. They failed to win a single game from six matches.



BOBBY MOORE: A WORTHY CAPTAIN

Will the Yanks learn to speak proper "soccerese"?

Can soccer really break through in the USA? Many cynics wonder, if not openly ridicule, the possibility.

They point out that the average American is not even familiar with the game, let alone interested in it.

In last month's "Football Monthly," the well-known London magazine, Bill Cox, leading light of the breakaway National Professional Soccer League outlined some of their plans.

"I've seen the rise of ice hockey, basketball and other games in the USA and we can be as successful as they," he said.

"The season will go from April 1 to September 15 with a summer break which will be used to entertaining top teams from all parts of the world.

Vic. coaches

The Victorian Coaches Federation has begun a series of lectures and demonstrations for the first Preliminary Coaching Certificates to be issued in Victoria.

The Victorian Technical Committee includes the president, Bob Thomas (Sandringham), a qualified FA coach, Vic Janczyk (Polonia), Jim Adams (Croatia), Eric Lindberg (JUST) and Ollie Norris.

Victorian coaches have discussed uniformity of methods with Australian coaching executives, J. Vlasits and J. Kurucs.

WA president, Julius Re, has plans for a coaching course in Perth next March with Denes Adrigan.

Two leading coaches are expected to visit Perth to assist in the venture, which will be WA's first major coaching effort.

"There will be no gimmicks in the games we put on but as we cater for Americans, we'll have to make our match-days as attractive as we can."

Bill Cox failed to mention how they get top visiting teams, as they are not recognised by FIFA and, as such, cannot meet FIFA-affiliated teams.

However, Americans will have many problems to overcome, not the least important of which is the role the Press will play.

While the new league has glamor and novelty appeal, the Press is certain to give them plenty of space.

However, even while they do "cover" soccer in the newspapers, the chances are that most reporters will be totally uninitiated into the mysteries of the game.

"Soccer Star" of London last week drew attention to this when they printed the following little gem:

"Mr. John Meyer, a reader of our sister publication "World Soccer" and who lives in the United States of America, recently sent us a photostat copy of a picture story that appeared in the "Denver Post."

"The story, entitled "Soccer's Growth," concerned the expansion of association football in Denver. We felt, for the sake of both interest and amusement, it would be worthwhile to reproduce some of the picture captions and text from this article.

"Players are allowed to butt the soccer ball under the rules. They call it heading."

"Bruce Van Heukelen, 9, proved that a fellow has to be chesty in a soccer game. He uses his chest to stop the ball before beginning to kick it down the field."

"Members of two Littleton soccer teams scramble for the ball in an exciting match, one of the reasons the sport is attracting great interest in the Denver area."

"Soccer is believed to have originated in England almost 1,000 years ago. It has been one of the most popular sports in Europe for more than a century."

"Soccer is a football game with several variations. It is played with a ball similar to a volley ball. Although it has collisions, soccer is a game that does not allow tackling."

"Primarily, the ball is moved by kicking, but it is butted, kneed and advanced by players who bump the ball with their bodies. A goalie (player guarding the goal) is the only player who is allowed to catch the ball."

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Ramsey to Mexico

Alf Ramsey will visit Mexico three times before the 1970 World Cup to study local conditions and the climate. One of his trips will be for next year's Olympic Games.

Atalanta's coach

Former Hungarian international winger Mihaly Kincses is the new coach of Italy's Atalanta. Kincses has been living in Italy since 1948. One of his star players is the English Hitchens.

Success a medicine

Peiro, the Spanish forward who couldn't stay in Milan because he was homesick for Spain is now a great success with AS Roma. Consequently, he has shelved his plans for a quick return home.

German club's crisis

West German Bundesliga club Munchen "1860" are in crisis. Their manager, Max Merkel has been fired and their wealthy president, Adalbert Wetzel is about to resign. Much of the trouble started with open hostilities between Merkel and star goalkeeper Radenkovic.

Albert in Rio

Hungary's star forward, Florian Albert, thrilled a large Rio crowd when, as guest player of Flamengo, he helped his "team" to beat Vasco de Gama 2-0 in a cup tie. Both goals came from Albert's passes who, according to the Rio newspapers, "is one of the most intelligent and polished players of all times".

Woman whistler

Gabriella Buczkowska of Grudziak has become Poland's first fully qualified woman soccer referee. Officials feel that women referees could stamp out rough play — and bad language.

World's toughest championship

Santa Fe celebrated their 25th birthday by winning the Colombian championship — the longest and most arduous in the world. Although the Colombian First Division only includes 14 teams, it lasts 52 weeks as teams meet each other four times instead of twice like everywhere else. Santa Fe, out of a possible 104 points, totalled 66 for 25 wins, 15 draws and 12 losses. Santa Fe utilised the services of 29 professionals in their marathon series, including 15 foreigners. Medellin were the runners-up, three points behind Santa Fe, in the championship and the famous Millionarios Bogota only fifth.

Mexico's World Cup plans

Senor Joachim Soria Terrazas, the vice-president of the Mexican FA, announced last week that the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico would be staged in July. All matches will be played under floodlights, starting at 8.30 p.m. Teams will be grouped in four pools of four teams each like in England last year. Eight venues have been chosen: Mexico City, Guadalajara, Leon, Vera Cruz, Monterrey, Puebla, San Francisco del Oro, Morelia and Tijuana. All matches will be televised live to Europe through the Telstar satellite.

French reform due

The French Minister for Sport, Robert Misoffe, has called for an investigation into French soccer. The French Government is perturbed at the poor showing of French teams in international competitions. Sweeping reforms are expected in a bid to put the country's most popular sport (550,000 registered players) back on a sound footing. The whole structure of the game, from top to bottom, is expected to be revolutionized and all present administrators may be removed.

European Cup dates set

Those are the dates for the quarterfinals of the European Cups: *Champions' Cup* — Real Madrid v. Inter Milan 15-2 and 1-3; Ajax Amsterdam v. Dukla Prague 1-3 and 8-3; Linfield v. Red Banner Sofia 1-3 and 15-3; Vojvodina v. Celtic 1-3 and 8-3; *Cup-Winners' Cup* — Servette Geneva v. Slavia Sofia 26-2, 8-3; Rangers v. Zaragoza 1-3, 22-3; Gyor v. Standard Liege 1-3, 8-3; Rapid Vienna v. Bayern Munchen 15-2, 8-3.

Yanks after top refs.

The Americans are not only after top players, coaches and officials to launch the game in the United States. They have also offered very favorable terms to some of the world's best referees. The Americans have offered a contract to Spain's Gardeazabal, France's Schwinte, Italy's Lo Bello, Peru's Yamasaki and Holland's Leo Horn.

The West German sports agency, ISK, recently published an interesting statistical survey of the world's best teams over the last 15 years. Ranking only the best six countries each year and awarding them points (6 to 1), ISK claims that Brazil (49 pts.) and Hungary (47 pts.) lead the list from England (34), Argentina (33), Yugoslavia (29), Russia (25), Sweden (24), West Germany (16), Czechoslovakia (12) and Italy (9 points). Brazil and Hungary ranked first in five seasons respectively since 1951. Hungary failed to get a rating in the top six three times, Brazil, four times, the others on more occasions. Narrowing the table down to the last five years only, Hungary is the only country which has regularly been rated among the world's top six teams. (Brazil failed in 1963 and 1966.)

● Konstantin Beskov, the former USSR national team manager, is the new coach of Dynamo Moscow.

● Matt Busby, Manchester's team manager, has recommended that English referees become professionals at a minimum weekly salary of \$100.

● With one match to go, Uruguay appear certain to win the current South American championship being held in Montevideo. Argentina will be second and Chile probably third. Brazil are not taking part.

● Zjelko Kostic, Yugoslavia's former international left winger, will join the US Professional League.

● Per Betraam, Odense's 22-year-old forward, has joined Scottish Second Division club Morton. He is the 15th Dane in Scottish football.

● A Hungarian, Janos Szep, will coach the American club, Sparta Philadelphia. Szep has coached Csepel and Ujpest in Hungary.

● Nicolas Dobrin (Dynamo Pitesti), 20, has been named Rumania's player of the year for 1966.

● Fulham's World Cup fullback, George Cohen, will have his right leg in plaster for at least another six weeks. Cohen chipped a knee bone on New Year's Day.

● Giacinto Facchetti, the Inter Milan fullback, has gone into business with his brother Luigi. The Facchettis have just opened an insurance office in Milan.

● Rumania's national team, currently on a South American tour, scored a great 2-0 victory over world club champions, Penarol of Montevideo, at Paysandu, Uruguay.

● Portugal's national team selector, Manuel Da Luz Alfonso, has resigned.

● Rudi Gutendorf, VfB Stuttgart's coach, has joined the St. Louis club in the United States. He has 20 players under him, including 17 foreigners.

● Bologna's West German international forward, Helmut Haller, has been fined \$1,000 by his Italian club for derogatory remarks about the club's management in an interview with the Hamburg magazine BILD.

● Burnley beat Napoli 3-0, at home, in a first leg Fair Cities' Cup tie.

● French champion, FC Nantes, have declined an invitation to take part in this year's International New York Tournament.

● Santos opened their South American tour with a 4-0 victory over River Plate in Buenos Aires.

● The Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur this year will be held from August 15 to August 31.

● Liedholm, AC Milan's former Swedish player and coach, has linked up with Second Division Italian club Verona.

● West Germany is likely to have a national Second Division competition with 18 clubs in 1968-69.

● England and West Germany will meet at Wembley in May 1968. The match is billed as the World Cup Final "revenge."

● FIFA's Executive will meet in Munich on May 29 to discuss the 1970 World Cup elimination groups.

● Real Madrid's fabulous winger, Gentó, has been appointed a life member of Real Madrid's basketball section. Real Madrid are also one of Europe's top basketball teams. Gentó is a keen basketball fan and rarely misses a Real match.

● Top Greek club AEK have sacked their coach Trifon Tzanetis and are seeking the services of Hungarian Arpad Csaknady, who coached them four years ago.

● Israel may soon have a new national team manager: the former great Yugoslav goalkeeper — Vladimir Beara.

● West Germany's first 1967 international will be on February 22 at Karlsruhe against Morocco. During the year the Germans will also meet Bulgaria, Albania, Yugoslavia and Rumania.

● Jose Luis Costa Cenzano is the new president of the Spanish Association, replacing Benito Pico. Cenzano until recently was the FA's treasurer.

● Garrincha has been placed on transfer by his club, Corinthians in Brazil. The veteran winger's career seems close to an end.

● Former Real Madrid star Alfredo Di Stefano recently took part in the Monte Carlo rally.

UEFA Junior Tournament

This year's European Junior Tournament will be held from May 5 to 13 in Turkey. East Germany, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, the USSR and Turkey have qualified automatically. Bulgaria, Greece, West Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Albania, Yugoslavia, Scotland and England will play off for the other seven berths in the finals which will be played at Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir and Eskisehir.

Asian Champions' Cup

The following clubs have entered the first Asian Champions Cup, to start in the middle of this year on the European Cup system: South China (Hong Kong), Korea Tungsten Mining (South Korea), Customs FC (South Vietnam), Bangkok Bank FC (Thailand), Selangor (Malaysia), Royal Falcons (Iran), Toyo Kogyo (Japan) and Combined Armed Forces (Burma). The champion teams of Singapore, Indonesia and India are expected to nominate shortly.

Vietnam's top sportsman

In an impressive ceremony held in Saigon on January 20, the star inside-forward of the South Vietnamese soccer team, Do Thoi Vinh, was named "Athlete of the Year". This is an annual award made on the votes of South Vietnam's leading sports writers and radio announcers. Twenty-seven-year old Vinh has been a regular member of the South Vietnam National team since 1958. Vinh was one of the three Vietnamese players chosen to play for the Asian "All Stars", a representative XI which played games against touring British sides, Bolton Wanderers and Fulham, during 1966 in Malaysia. He was the only Vietnamese player in a "select" Asian XI announced after the recent Bangkok Asian Games.

SCOREBOARD

HOLLAND: Telstar v. Belenenses v. Penich 4-0; Willem II 3-1; DOS v. PSV 2-3; Go Ahead v. Sittardia 4-0; Feyenoord v. Sparta 2-1; Ajax v. MVV 8-3; GVAV v. DWS 0-0; Fortuna v. Twente 0-2; ADO v. NAC 4-3; Xerxes v. Elinkwijk 2-1.

ITALY: Bologna v. Mantova 1-1; Brescia v. Roma 3-3; Cagliari v. Lecco 3-1; Inter Milan v. Foggia 3-0; Juventus v. Atalanta 0-0; Vicenza v. Napoli 2-1; Lazio v. Fiorentina 0-0; Spal v. Torino 0-0; Milan AC v. Venezia 2-1.

PORTUGAL: CUF v. Porto 1-1; Atletico v. Braga 1-1; Sintrense v. Setubal 1-2; dorf 3-0.

WEST GERMANY: Munchen 1860 v. VfB Stuttgart 1-1; Hanover 96 v. Bayern Munchen 2-1; Werder Bremen v. MSV Duisburg 1-1; Borussia Moenchengladbach v. Hamburger SV 4-2; FC Nurnberg v. Schalke 04 0-4; Rotweiss Essen v. Kaiserslautern 1-1; Karlsruhe v. Borussia Dortmund 2-0; FC Koln v. Eintracht Braunschweig 1-0; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Fortuna Dusseldorf 1-1; Sintrense v. Setubal 1-2; dorf 3-0.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

One may be forgiven for thinking that soccer did not exist in Sydney if one had to rely on the local PRESS, RADIO and TV for soccer news. ATN Channel 7's Friday evening so-called "sports review" blissfully omitted mentioning any of the weekend's fixtures and on Sunday at 6.20 the usually reliable ABC Radio sports results program gave the afternoon's Ampol Cup matches a clean miss although they found plenty of time for every cycling, sailing and golf result. And on Monday, to cap it all off, none of the morning papers bothered even to mention, however briefly, that Sparta Prague were playing Pan Hellenic in the afternoon. A great start to the soccer season, we must say!

As we correctly told you last week, Hakoah did make a bid for Newcastle's starlet RAY BAARTZ. However, they shied away when they heard the Australian record transfer fee of \$8000 his club is asking for him.

St. George and Melita have agreed to exchange rival goalies MEL CLARKE and

was rated Poland's fourth best stopper in 1965-66. Minol is an inside-forward.

Another Irishman has joined Croatia. He is 23-year-old inside-forward CHRIS MAXWELL, from Northern Ireland. Maxwell joins fellow Irishmen Curry, Sloan, Bonham and Tyrrell.

TOMMY HILL, one of Corinthians' best players last season, is keeping fit by training with Prague. He is adamant he will not play with Corinthians again.

Cumberland's English forward, MATT COLLINS, is due back any day from the UK where he has been holidaying since last September.

Spaniard "JOE" GONZALEZ showed enough talent at training with Polonia to warrant inclusion in their first team against Croatia this weekend. Gonzalez had a brief spell with Hakoah before breaking a leg at practice two years ago. He walked by chance into one of Polonia's training sessions earlier this year.



Mel Clarke

BRIAN TAYLOR for four weeks. Then the clubs will sit down and talk terms.

It is rumored that JOHN WARREN has the highest guarantee for '67 St. George-Budapest have ever cared to make. He may also be appointed an officer of the club's social segment — if and when they get the liquor licence.

Now in Inter-Suburban First Division, RYDE club have their sights on bigger things. Club secretary Les Bateman is not dismayed by loss of a great potential inside forward, Alan Cooper to Prague. Les contends that Ryde have six more juniors on the way through, with at least the same potential as Cooper.

Canterbury have placed star forward PAXINOS on transfer for \$2000.

Canterbury coach JULIUS POLGAR remarked last week: "Our team at the moment is 50 per cent. weaker than last year".

Polonia-NS are very hopeful of soon signing the talented young Balgownie forward, MICHAEL MUHLBAUER. There is a good chance Muhlbauser may be their player in time for this weekend's Ampol Cup match against Croatia.

Some 10 days ago the Scottish FA announced in Glasgow that they would not permit their touring side to play against Manchester United in June as it is not their "policy to pit full international teams against clubs". A few days later the same Scottish FA also announced that the touring team will be NOT the full Scotland side, only a mixture of "A", "B" and under-23 internationals and will be called a "Scottish representative team". So why the heck can't THAT team meet Manchester United while in Australia?

Polonia expect the first two of their five new players from Poland, SKIBA and MINOL, to arrive any day. Both played for First Division club Katowice and Skiba

PRAGUE may soon sign a First Division Argentinian left winger, highly recommended by Luis Gauto.

DR. MIRAN LINDTNER, the former Yugosl coach and president, is now editor of the "Australian Flying Saucer Review".

At least two FIRST DIVISION clubs are determined to use every possible manoeuvre to induce the Federation to revoke the rule which stipulates the use of three local players in each competition match.

The NEPEAN District FA, affiliated with the Amateur Association, will have four clubs this season: Penrith, Blacktown Spurs and St. Marys in the Amateur Leagues and Blacktown United in the Federation Second Division. On Monday the Nepean Association will confer with Penrith City Council regarding the possible purchase or lease of a permanent ground in the area.

EDUARDO MASSEY and JORGE LEDEZMA are likely to join Canterbury. Mas-

Rumor has it that RICARDO CAMPANA, Australia's most brilliant ball-player, may head home for Argentina when his two-year contract with APIA expires in March. Campana is reported to be unhappy with the new terms APIA will offer him next month.

ed" to film the matches. Two trial matches have already been captured on film.



HERBERT NINAUS may not join Melita, after all, but stay with Hakoah for yet another year. Melita's reluctance to buy him is motivated by short finance.

For the first time last weekend an executive from AMPOL PETROLEUM failed to kick off the first match of the pre-season series.

South Coast keeper JOHN NUEL missed last week's match against St. George-Budapest because he was unable to take time off from work. Nuell had to stand in for the manager of the Wollongong newspaper that employs him.

Neal memorial match

Don't forget the benefit match for the widow and three children of the late Ray Neal at Marks Field on Wednesday night, February 15, between Hakoah and John Watkiss' XI.

A fund has also been launched to assist the family of the late Australian international forward. Donations can be sent to "The Late Ray Neal Benefit Fund," c/- NSW Soccer Federation, 251 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

APIA have started negotiating with LEN DICKINSON, a forward who played for Sheffield Wednesday and Oldham. Dickinson is a good friend of APIA fullback Stan Ackerley.

Polonia-North Side's management committee last Tuesday night entertained the senior vice-president of the First Division Polish club, GKS Katowice, HENRYK PARTYKA, at the licensed premises of the Northern Suburbs-Polonia SC Ltd. in North Sydney. Partyka is on a business trip to Australia.

HAKOAH have a fair sized headache regarding the rule that three Australians must play in each team. Of their regulars only two qualify and, ironically enough, both were born in Hungary: Fuzes and Fekete, who arrived here before they were 18.

DON SANDELL, the young St. George forward, is not allowed to train for several weeks because of high blood pressure.

Canterbury have indicated interest in former St. George skipper TIBOR ZUCKERMAN but the \$2000 keeps them away. However it's no secret that the Saints would much prefer to retain Zuckerman — if he buckled down to serious training.

COLIN HARWOOD was elected as Sutherland's new president and BOB MILLER was appointed secretary at the club's AGM last weekend.

sey's transfer fee may soon be reduced by Croatia while Ledezma has a free clearance from APIA.

Hakoah forward DAVE REID is now also sought after by Melita Eagles. Reid, only a few days ago, had almost signed with Polonia-North Side.

HAMMY McMECHAN, the Croatia-Melbourne Australian World Cup utility player, is likely to join APIA when he returns next week from Scotland where he has been holidaying since September.

Polonia have a new secretary. He is F. CIRUCH, who replaces F. Smyczynski. Ciruch is employed by the Sheriff's Department. His telephone number is 71-3576.

Croatia's new coach, GEORGE KISS, will have all Croatia's matches filmed this year. He will show the films to his players at a special weekly session. A relative of Kiss' has been "commission-

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Marston to build young team

A patient, long-term plan to bring Western Suburbs into top division soccer is the aim of new manager-coach Joe Marston.

If he makes it, this could well be the success story of the decade for both coach and club.

Last year they were at vastly different tips of our soccer scale.

Western Suburbs were an unknown Inter-Suburban League club while Marston was in charge of the all-conquering APIA.

Then Western Suburbs shed their amateur status and became semi-professional with the purpose of developing soccer in their area.

They amalgamated with the Sydney Austral Club, absorbing most of the Dutch national team's players, and in the process making defunct the name Sydney Austral which over the years had graced both the Second and First Division Federation competition.

Towards the end of 1966 the club took another giant step forward.

When APIA failed to make their future intentions quite clear, Marston decided to leave them and accept Wests' offer.

Enthusiastic

Marston is one of the best known names in Australian soccer.

At the height of his career he played for First Division Preston North End in England, with whom he reached the FA Cup final in 1954.

He was also selected for the English League at centre half and only his Australian birth prevented him from playing for England.

On his return from England, in 1955, he rejoined his old club, Leichhardt and eventually became an APIA-Leichhardt regular.

Two seasons ago, at 38, he switched to coaching but remained with APIA.

Marston is very enthusiastic about his new job.

His new team will play in the Federation Second Division competition in 1967, and they began training last week for their season which kicks off at the end of March.

As sole selector, as well as coach, Joe Marston intends to build up a team which, upon eventual promotion to the First Division will be ready to hold its own without having to

undergo the drastic changes in players that currently occurs when a Second Division team wins promotion.

This means that a young, but skilful team must be developed, and to do this a three-year plan will probably be adopted. The actual length of time this will take depends on the speed with which the young local players can be developed, and also upon the administration and stability of the officials of the club.

Marston does not want their entry into the First Division to be premature.

At first the team will probably comprise of several Sydney Austral players plus a few of the best players who were with Western Suburbs last season.

Then, as younger players mature, from the benefit of coaching and practical experience, they will be given the chance to take their place in the team, so that eventually a comparatively young but technically proficient side will emerge.

It will be a team comprised mainly of players who live in the district which they represent on the playing field.

This should lead to a first class team spirit and strong feeling of club loyalty, two things which are not in great evidence in most First and Second Division clubs today.

Western Suburbs have a flourishing social club at Fivedock which should ensure their financial security.

As for officials, they are more than well catered for.

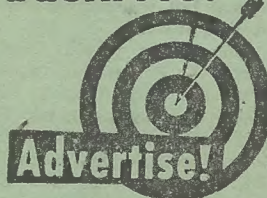
With people like Jock McMahon, Albert de Paoli and Harry Robertson in control they should not be lacking for efficient and level-headed administration.

These men were all first class players and are also well equipped to appreciate what is needed to keep a club running smoothly.

Drummoyne Oval will be used for a percentage of the club's home games, but this ground, like most others in Sydney, is at a premium, and has to be shared with Polonia and also the Rugby code.

— BRIAN SMITH

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ONLY MIRACLE CAN SAVE SLAVIA'S NECK

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

After their crushing defeat in the first game by Melbourne, nothing short of an outright win and especially a big one will salvage Slavia's hopes of making the semifinals.

They have a tough job on their hands facing the young and speedy Polonia side.

In the other game "old friends" meet with the clash between Croatia and Footscray-JUST who have both so far got a 100 per cent record with a win apiece.

Slavia v. Polonia

If Slavia dismiss their nightmare defeat by Melbourne and their players have the same vigor and spirit as they did when playing Sparta Prague two weeks ago, they still have faint hopes of winning their way into the semis.

However, the Port defence with the exception of Randles has not yet got into top gear and they will be fully tested by the go-ahead and youthful Polonia attack.

Polonia will be no push-over and if they can solve their centre half problem and instal an opportunist centre forward their hopes could be bright.

Croatia v. JUST

With Duncan McKay resolving his differences with Croatia he could be back in the side, if he is properly tuned up.

And Croatia could do with him as Bob McLachlan, the former APIA player and fullback, broke his leg in practice last week.

McLachlan had returned to soccer only two weeks ago and had an impressive showing against Hakoah — his first senior game since he broke his leg against Melbourne last year.

Croatia have plenty of potential and although their attack is of the midget variety they can, on their day, be devastating.

The result could be in doubt right till the final whistle.

Fumbling goalies

After two rather dismal rounds the Melbourne night soccer series considerably livened up last week with the fans getting their money's worth.

Both the Melbourne v. Juventus and the SM Hellas v. Hakoah games produced vigorous attacking soccer with plenty of skill being in evidence.

However, the shortcomings of the game came from the four goalkeepers: Surma (Melbourne) Wenzl (SM Hellas) McDonald (Juventus) and O'Hara (Hakoah).

Surma was least erratic of the quartet but Wenzl and McDonald had lady luck on their side on many occasions as they fumbled their way through while O'Hara's clowning antics cost Hakoah their goal and he was lucky he didn't concede more.

Melbourne v. Juv'tus 2-1

Melbourne's steady defence and lively attack in which Orie Abonyi again proved an ace opportunist came from behind to score two well taken goals and assure themselves of entry into the semifinals.

It was a thrilling game all through and though beaten, Juventus gave a much improved display

with a more settled formation which lifted the team's confidence.

Scorers: Melbourne: Abonyi, Kurta, Juventus: Luckhurst.

SM Hellas v. Hakoah 1-3

Hakoah caused a mild surprise by decisively defeating the State League champions, SM Hellas. The ease in which they accomplished their fine win was even more surprising.

Faster to the ball and much fitter than on their previous outing, Hakoah's attack had the Hellas defence reeling at times and only a blunder by their keeper Mike O'Hara foiled their chances of keeping their goal intact.

Hellas lacked enterprise and purpose and with so many players of the same calibre in attack misfired badly.

Scorers: Hellas, Damanaikos. Hakoah: Armstrong, Purdie and John O'Neill (penalty).

Crowd: 7,000.

Hellas plan legal action against ASF

Leading Victorian side South Melbourne Hellas are to take legal action against the Australian Soccer Federation following the dismissal of their appeal against the \$1500 fine, the \$500 bond and their expulsion from the Australia Cup in 1967.

The fines, bond and expulsion were imposed by the ASF following the scenes which caused the abandonment of the Australia Cup semifinal tie between Hellas and Hakoah (Sydney) in late 1966.

Although Hellas' management have consulted their legal adviser on the matter of action against the ASF, they have so far not made it known what course they will take.

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One well known name missing from the Ampol Cup line-ups this season is that of Mike Jurecki whom Slavia signed last year on his return from Poland.

Mike, who played several years with Polona (Melbourne) and also had a spell with Polonia-NS (Sydney), was for a considerable time one of the best forwards in Victorian soccer and represented the State side on many occasions.

However, since his return from Poland and his signing for Slavia in mid-1966, it was apparent to even the most sentimental Jurecki supporters that he was far from being the "Mike" of old.

The lay-off will have allowed Enfield time to take stock after two lacklustre performances.

Despite their disappointing form the Northerners have three points to their credit.

As a result they stand a good chance of contesting the semifinals.

Enfield made two changes to the side which defeated Port Adelaide from when they drew with Budapest.

Further changes are obviously needed if they are to succeed against Juventus.

Coach Peter Woods will have to find a replacement for tearaway forward, Roy Parsons who has decided to retire.

It would not surprise if Enfield were to "blood" two or three of their Elizabeth juniors.

With the Enfield-Elizabeth amalgamation in the busy transition period, an unwieldy number of players are training at Blair Athol.

In an effort to ease the position a sub-committee has been appointed to help Peter Woods supervise training.

Polonia could take a giant step towards retaining the Ampol Cup if they could topple 1965 winners USC Lion in Monday's early game.

In their only match to date, Polonia played brilliantly to hold 1966 league champions WA Hellas to a draw.

However, their one crying need is for another top flight inside forward to partner 20-year-old Gene Mielnik.

With Richard Urbaniak unavailable for the summer series, Polonia lifted the suspension on Eric Kielpinski.

Kielpinski and Cyril Heppenstall were both tried against Hellas, with the former looking the better prospect despite his weak shooting.

However, Polonia, with Eddy Typek at the helm are certain to pester the Lion defence.

The teams look well matched physically but Polonia could command an edge in pace.

The form of State team goalkeeper rivals, Roger Romanowicz (Polonia), and Wally Fedczyszyn (Lion), will not only add interest but could also be the decisive factor of this predictably even clash.

KVASNAK'S HAT-TRICK

Sparta Prague coasted to an easy 5-1 win over a youthful Victorian State XI at Olympic Park last Sunday after holding a rather flattering 2-0 half-time lead.

The locals extended the visitors in the first half, but several unwarranted changes in the second half upset the tiring Victorians whose lack of experience and strength in attack caused their downfall.

Victoria had their chances, but failed to capitalise on any of them in sharp contrast to the hard-shooting, opportunist Czechs whose forward play was a big improvement on their display against the combined Slavia-Hellas the previous week.

As in Sydney against Pan Hellenic the following day Sparta opened the score from a free-kick.

Kvasnak scored a hat-trick and was the visitors' outstanding forward with the brilliant young Jurkanin.

Micic was the pick for Victoria who carried far too many "passengers."

Details:

Victoria: Young; Shepherd, Marmur; Micic, Cook; Anderson; Pygrolis, Abonyi, Armstrong, Vojtek, Plaskota. Also played: McKay, Bedford, Norman.

Sparta: Kramerius; Tichy, Laciga; Vojta, Kos, Mozi; Vesely, Pospichal, Kvasnak, Jurkanin, Vrana (Dyba).

Scorers: Kvasnak (3), Vojta, Dyba for Sparta; Plaskota for Victoria.

Referee: L. Straface.

Crowd: 6,729.

JUVENTUS WINS

USC Lion held Victoria to a 1-1 draw and Juventus beat Croatia 2-1 in Adelaide Ampol Cup matches last Monday night before a crowd of 4,500.

Scorers: Dackiw for Lion and Matisesak for Victoria; McColl (2) for Juventus and Slager for Croatia.

— Bob Low

"NO" TO MILAN'S TOUR REQUEST

"Why don't you invite AC Milan to tour Australia? We could come in August."

This startling question was put to Adelaide Juventus official, John Caruzzi, by the secretary of AC Milan, Bruno Passalacqua, in a telephone conversation last week.

Caruzzi rang to complete the transfer of AC Milan junior, Giovanni Meneghetti to Juventus.

The Adelaide club are delighted with the request and the news that Milan intend to let them have Meneghetti at a greatly reduced transfer fee.

Passalacqua told Caruzzi that his club would like to play Italian-sponsored

teams in all Australian States.

"You arrange the tour, we can talk terms afterwards."

"We would like very much to play in Australia," said the Italian club's secretary.

AC Milan have won the Italian championship seven times.

ASF secretary Ian McAndrew said this week there was no chance of Milan touring here in August.

He said this would completely disrupt the season, after the Manchester United and Scotland tours.

ATTENTION — — —

For the past 20 weeks we have been printing the first pictures and texts of the HISTORY OF NAVIGATION series in this and other newspapers.

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